

STEERING, LEGISLATIVE & GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE

November 7, 2011

5:30 p.m.

Courthouse

MINUTES:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Jack Black
Commissioner Gary Farley
Commissioner Trey Gooch
Commissioner Jeff Jordan
Commissioner Steve Sandlin
Commissioner Robert Stevens
Commissioner Adam Coggin, C

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ernest Burgess
Chantho Sourinho
Tiffany Phillips
Jeremy Cothorn
Senna Mosby
Joe Traugher
Brian Robertson
Becky Shelton
Carol Cook
James C. Cope
Frances Mosby
Bob Asbury
Patsy Briley
Daniel Stiles
Tom Broeker

Chairman Coggin presided and called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with all members being present at that time.

MINUTES:

"Commissioner Gooch moved, seconded by Commissioner Sandlin, to approve the minutes of the last meeting as mailed. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

FILL TWO VACANCIES ON CORRECTIONAL WORK CENTER BOARD:

Chairman Coggin advised applications had been received from Robert Asbury, Frances Mosby and Patsy Briley for appointment to the Correctional Work Center Board. Chairman Coggin advised the Chairman of the Correctional Work Center Board had send a letter of recommendation for reappointment of Mr. Asbury and Ms. Mosby. The applicants in attendance addressed the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Farley moved, seconded by Commissioner Gooch, to nominate all three applicants and vote for two. Ms. Mosby and Mr. Asbury will be recommended for appointment with Commissioner Black voting for Mosby and Briley; Commissioner Farley voting for Mosby and Asbury; Commissioner Gooch voting for Mosby and Asbury; Commissioner J. Jordan voting for Mosby and Asbury; Commissioner Sandlin voting for Mosby and Asbury; Commissioner Stevens voting for Mosby and Briley and Chairman Coggin voting for Mosby and Asbury."

ANNOUNCE FOUR VACANCIES ON AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE:

Chairman Coggin advised the positions of two Commissioners, one farmer and one farm woman on the Agricultural Committee were expiring and accordingly being announced.

GIS SOFTWARE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT:

Brian Robertson and Jeremy Cothorn next addressed the Committee presenting a proposed Inter-Agency Agreement with Murfreesboro, Smyrna and LaVergne for an enterprise license for the GIS software with Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. (Esri). Mr. Robertson reminded the Committee of the \$220,000 previously budgeted in the GIS capital line item with \$100,000 contributed from Murfreesboro, Smyrna and LaVergne for this software. The enterprise license is with Esri which is the software vendor and enables all participants to use the entire product line of Esri. The Committee was advised the product is used in multiple ways in the County including dispatch centers for public safety, is a planning tool and also used by schools for student demographics. The software was previously accessed through a contract with the State of Tennessee but due to population growth an individual contract is now required. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Farley moved, seconded by Commissioner Black, to approve the Inter-Agency Agreement with Murfreesboro, Smyrna and

LaVergne for the enterprise license with Esri for GIS software and ask the other municipalities to join in the agreement with the County. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

COUNTY E-MAIL FOR COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Gooch next brought up the issue of e-mail advising the County Attorney has advised it might be best to have County issues addressed by Commissioners on a County e-mail address. Mr. Robertson advised this would be easy to do and would simplify forwarding web comments. Mr. Robertson advised he thought this would be an improvement. Commissioner Gooch suggested OIT meet with the County Mayor and put something together.

ROAD BOARD & SCHOOL BOARD ZONES:

Mayor Burgess advised he and the County Attorney have met with the Election Coordinator, Ms. Lester, to review the Private Acts as to the Road Board and School Board and have found the same to be confusing. Additionally, the Private Act as to the Road Board is not currently being followed. The Road Board and School Board district numbers are not the same although the territory represented is the same and this is confusing. It is preferable to have the district numbers the same and the Private Act allows the Commission to correct this. Mayor Burgess advised he was not ready to advise what needed to be done as Ms. Lester is continuing to research the matter and there is enough time to review thoroughly before making a recommendation. County Attorney Cope advised some of the Road Board terms are staggered incorrectly and this would have to be handled through the Legislature with a Private Act.

The Committee was next advised the School Board and Road Board districts containing Commission Districts 8, 9 and 10 are not contiguous. County Attorney Cope advised State law requires Commission districts to be contiguous but does not require the same for School Board or Road Board districts. However, a court case does require these districts be contiguous. Attorney Cope advised the districts are not illegal under State law as is and he did not think they could be set aside. However, it is desirable to have the districts contiguous but thought as drawn were legal.

Commissioner Sandlin advised citizens within any district may go to a school in another district and roads go through multiple districts.

Commissioner T. Phillips addressed the Committee advising issues with not being contiguous are that it is more difficult for someone from District 8 to get elected and it creates the issue of representation. Commissioner Phillips felt it best served the Road Board and School Board to be contiguous districts. Commissioner T. Phillips next read a letter from Eagleville Mayor Tune requesting reconsideration of the zoning proposal to keep Eagleville in a contiguous zone.

Commissioner Sandlin advised the redistricting process just completed was legal.

Mayor Burgess advised a small portion of District 20 can be put in other districts to make the districts contiguous. Commissioner T. Phillips advised she wanted review of the zones as with the Commission districts.

Senna Mosley, Mayor of LaVergne, addressed the Committee advising with past School Board representatives, the City of LaVergne had no representation and parents with their County Commissioner had to work to improve the schools in that area. Mayor Mosley advised she wanted someone from LaVergne to be on the School Board.

Mayor Mosley ask while the issue was being looked into to see if someone primarily from LaVergne could be on the School Board.

Commissioner Gooch advised he thought the zones should be

set, let people run for office and trust in democracy.

Commissioner Farley advised a lot of brick and mortar has been constructed in LaVergne in the past and others fought to get it besides one elected official in that zone.

Mayor Mosley ask the Committee to consider what was being done to the north end of the County and advised she wanted a School Board representative to live in LaVergne.

Commissioner Stevens presented maps advising the County could have districts of primarily LaVergne and Smyrna advising the current proposal is not logical.

"Commissioner Stevens moved, seconded by Commissioner Black, to consider the concept of regrouping of the Road Board and School Board districts at the next meeting. This motion failed with Commissioners Black, Farley, Gooch, J. Jordan, Sandlin and Coggin voting "no" and Commissioner Stevens voting "yes"."

There appearing to be no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman Coggin declared the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

ADAM COGGIN, Chairman